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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Engineering Division, OC  
Chief, [REDACTED]  
Chief, Communications Security Division, OC

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FROM: [REDACTED]  
Director of Communications

SUBJECT: Message Handling Facility

Work has proceeded on the development of a Message Handling Facility (MHF) involving members of both the Office of Communications and the Office of Data Processing. I believe that this development is necessary and important for the future of this Office. At the same time, there are at work a number of factors which could mitigate the need for a facility of this type. Included in these factors are the future utilization of SAFE, the type of use which might be made of remote APARS, and the widespread and rapid growth of deployed terminals in addition to SAFE. I believe it prudent to limit the resources devoted to MHF and to assure that the project does not become open-ended in terms of dollar or manpower resources. Accordingly, manpower to be used for MHF from the Office of Communications shall be limited to a total of seven individuals, including not more than one from the Cable Secretariat Branch and one from the Signal Center Branch. In addition, part-time personnel may be drawn upon to support MHF from the Technical Services Branch [REDACTED] and the Communications Security Division as negotiated with the Chiefs of the respective Divisions.

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